

Helping Low-Income Families in the District of Columbia

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) offers nutrition benefits to participating clients, supports work, and provides economic benefits to communities. The SNAP brings Federal dollars into communities in the form of benefits which are redeemed by SNAP participants at local stores. Increasing SNAP participation provides an immediate stimulus to local economies.

Increase in SNAP Participation Creates Substantial Economic Results

Every \$5 in new SNAP benefits generates \$9.00 in total community spending.

The average monthly SNAP benefit is approximately \$275 per household, which is spent in local grocery stores.

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FY 2007 SNAP Participation Data

Total Eligible Participants	107,000	Actual Participants	83,000
Eligible Non-Participants	24,000	Participation Rate	78%
Total Benefits Disbursed	\$ 103,950,879	Total Economic Activity	\$ 187,111,582
Additional Benefits with Full Participation	\$ 12,781,440	Additional Economic Activity with Full Participation	\$ 23,006,592

Because the majority of SNAP benefits are redeemed the month they are issued, SNAP acts as an immediate economic stimulus to struggling local economies. New SNAP benefits also generate additional economic activity as families are able to increase their overall food purchasing power.

5% Increase in SNAP Participation Rate

Total Participants	88,000	Participation Rate	83%
Additional Benefits	\$ 2,900,000	Additional Economic Activity	\$ 5,220,000

10% Increase in SNAP Participation Rate

Total Participants	93,000	Participation Rate	88%
Additional Benefits	\$ 5,800,000	Additional Economic Activity	\$ 10,440,000

15% Increase in SNAP Participation Rate

Total Participants	98,000	Participation Rate	93%
Additional Benefits	\$ 8,700,000	Additional Economic Activity	\$ 15,660,000

FNS strongly urges States, local government leaders, neighborhood and faith-based leaders, and others to conduct SNAP outreach. For more information on how you can help, please contact your FNS regional office at 609-259-5025 or the Office of Strategic Initiatives, Partnerships and Outreach at partnerships@fns.usda.gov.

